Strike in NFL Units

656. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 24-hour token strike was observed on 30th March, 2001 in all the units of NFL against the decision to disinvest NFL;

(b) whether a two-day strick was observed on 25th and 26th April, 2001 by all the units / offices of NFL;

(c) if so, whether any discussions had been held with the unions / associations of NFL on this issue; if so, the gist of the discussions held so far; and

(d) the view of the unions / associations on disinvestment of NFL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BARTA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The management of National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) had held discussions with the unions / associations of NFL to impress upon them that the disinvetment will keep the interest of the company in view to improve its performance and that it will not affect the employees adversely.

(d) The unions are against the privatisation of the company and transfer of the management control to a strategic buyer. They are apprehensive that the change in management will adversely affect their service conditions.

Pollution of Brahmani River

657. SHRI RAMACHDNADRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether River Brahmani of Orissa is one of the most polluted rivers of India; if so, what steps have been taken by Government to make the river bathable and drinkable for human beings, animals as well as birds; and

(b) which industries and mines of Sundharagarha, Angual and Jajpura Districts of Orissa are polluting River Brahmani and what legal actions have been taken by Central Pollution Control Board and Orissa Pollution Control Board?